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# REPORT of the COMMISSIONERS of MERRIMACK COUNTY

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Reports of the County  
Treasurer, Clerk of Court,  
Sheriff, County Attorney,  
Nursing Home Administrator,  
Corrections Superintendent,  
Farm, Physician, Chaplains,  
and Auditors

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## MERRIMACK COUNTY

Population: 87,874

Area: 934 square miles



City/Town	Population*	City/Town	Population*
1. Concord	29,321	15. Warner	1,650
2. Franklin	7,241	16. Andover	1,313
3. Hooksett	6,670	17. Chichester	1,163
4. Pembroke	4,551	18. Canterbury	1,066
5. Allenstown	3,558	19. Dunbarton	949
6. Hopkinton	3,420	20. Sutton	840
7. Boscawen	3,376	21. Bradford	833
8. Bow	3,142	22. Webster	797
9. Henniker	2,905	23. Newbury	733
10. New London	2,771	24. Salisbury	658
11. Pittsfield	2,614	25. Wilmot	627
12. Northfield	2,582	26. Danbury	554
13. Loudon	2,113	27. Hill	493
14. Epsom	1,935		

\*Based on July, 1975 population estimates.



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*(Cover photo courtesy Concord Monitor. Shown, Sheriff Ronald Daniels leading carriage with members of the Bicentennial Committee, (l-r) Rep. Linda Kenison, Norma Blanchard, Leila Bartlett and Kathleen R. Guay)*



1976 COUNTY OFFICERS. Seated (left to right): Carol E. Ingraham, Register of Probate; Honorable Donald W. Cushing, Judge of Probate; Patricia Fraser, Deputy Register of Probate, Standing (left to right): Ronald D. Daniels, Jr., Sheriff; Marjorie Gatherum, Deputy Register of Deeds; Kathleen M.R. Guay, Register of Deeds, Peter J. Spaulding, Commissioner; Richard D. Hanson, Treasurer; Edna C. McKenna, Commissioner; Richard A. Hampe, County Attorney. Absent: Albert M. Ayotte, Chairman, Board of Commissioners.



**1975-1976  
COUNTY OFFICERS**

**Commissioners**

ALBERT M. AYOTTE, Franklin  
EDNA C. McKENNA, Concord  
PETER J. SPAULDING, Hopkinton

**Treasurer**

RICHARD D. HANSON, Bow

**Coordinator**

RODNEY E. TENNEY, Concord

**County Attorney**

RICHARD A. HAMPE, Hopkinton

**Sheriff**

RONALD D. DANIELS, Jr., Hopkinton

**Clerk of Superior Court**

HENRY DOWST, Jr., Epsom

**Judge of Probate**

HON. DONALD W. CUSHING, Franklin

**Register of Probate**

CAROL E. INGRAHAM, Concord

**Register of Deeds**

KATHLEEN M. ROY GUAY, Concord

**Medical Referees**

PAUL S. SHAW, M.D., Concord  
ROBERT J. MORIN, M.D., Franklin



**MERRIMACK COUNTY HOME****Administrator**

ROBERT F. LETHBRIDGE, Boscawen

**Asst. Administrators**

MARY E. JELLEY, R.N., Concord

MARJORIE BURRIS, R.N., Concord

**Home Physician**

J. KENNETH McLEOD, M.D., Penacook

**Asst. Physicians**

PAUL S. SHAW, M.D., Concord

ROBERT J. MORIN, M.D., Franklin

**Chaplains**

ANDRE L. BEDARD, Franklin

REV. PAUL LYONS, Northfield

**Farm Manager**

WALTER R. LAMPRON, Boscawen

**MERRIMACK COUNTY  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT****Superintendent**

EDMUND A. COX, Penacook



1975-1976

## MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION

- Dist. No. 1 (DANBURY, HILL, NEW LONDON, WILMOT)  
William F. Kidder  
Paul J. Ryan
- Dist No. 2 (BRADFORD, NEWBURY, SUTTON)  
Kenneth L. Sherman
- Dist. No. 3 (HENNIKER, WARNER)  
John P. H. Chandler, Jr.  
David P. Currier
- Dist. No. 4 (HOPKINTON, WEBSTER)  
David B. Packard  
Irene J. Shepard
- Dist. No. 5 (BOW, DUNBARTON)  
Richard D. Hanson  
Bernadette McNichol
- Dist. No. 6 (HOOKSETT)  
Laurent J. Boucher  
Judith Ann Hess  
Doris J. Riley
- Dist No. 7 (ALLENSTOWN, PEMBROKE)  
Raymond F. Chase  
Oliva Gamache  
George E. Gordon, III  
Robert E. Plourde
- Dist. No. 8 (EPSOM, PITTSFIELD)  
Kenard F. Ayles  
Clarence E. Bartlett

- Dist. No. 9 (CANTERBURY, CHICHESTER, LOUDON)  
John O. Cate  
Kathryn M. Cushman
- Dist. No. 10 (BOSCAWEN, NORTHFIELD)  
Elizabeth S. Millard  
Doris L. Thompson  
Elmer S. Wiggin
- Dist. No. 11 (ANDOVER, SALISBURY)  
James A. Humphrey
- Dist. No. 12 (FRANKLIN, Ward 1)  
Arthur H. LaBonte, Sr.
- Dist. No. 13 (FRANKLIN, Wards 2 and 3)  
Eugene S. Daniell, Jr.  
Paul N. Estee  
Katharine J. Ralph
- Dist. No. 14 (CONCORD, Ward 1)  
Milton A. Cate  
Martin R. Haller
- Dist. No. 15 (CONCORD, Ward 2)  
Chris K. Andersen  
Alice Davis
- Dist. No. 16 (CONCORD, Ward 3)  
Margaret H. Castaldo  
Susan N. McLane
- Dist. No. 17 (CONCORD, Ward 4)  
H. Gwendolyn Jones  
Kenneth M. Tarr
- Dist. No. 18 (CONCORD, Ward 5)  
Wayne S. Rich  
Barbara J. Underwood
- Dist. No. 19 (CONCORD, Ward 6)  
Katherine J. Harriman  
Linda Kenison



Dist. No. 20      (CONCORD, Ward 7)  
Edwin B. Christensen  
R. Peter Shapiro

Dist. No. 21      (CONCORD, Ward 8)  
Elizabeth S. Hager  
John H. Noble

**MINUTES OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION****MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING**

**County Administration Building  
Concord, New Hampshire**

February 26, 1976

A meeting of the Merrimack County Delegation was held February 26, 1976, at the County Administration Building. Vice Chairman Kidder chaired the meeting. Meeting called to order at 1:10 p.m., a quorum being present. Rep. Noble made a statement in rebuttal to the letter sent to each representative by the county commissioners with regard to cuts in the budget. Two supervisory nurses and two kitchen workers had already been restored to the county home budget before the letter was sent out.

Members present were Kidder, Sherman, Shepard, Hanson, Boucher, Hess, Riley, Chase, Gamache, Ayles, Bartlett, John Cate, Cushman, Millard, Wiggin, Daniell, Estee, Milton Cate, Davis, Castaldo, McLane, Jones, Rich, Harriman, Kenison, Christensen, Shapiro, Hager and Noble.

The Budget was read item by item with no objections or questions until the County Farm Budget, at which point the question was raised as to whether or not the Farm should be continued. The study made for the Commissioners indicated that it served a valuable purpose and with changes, many now underway, it should become self-supporting.

As to the "Grant" section, Rep. McLane, seconded by Rep. Shapiro, moved that \$3,000 be restored to Mental Health. There was considerable discussion as to other sources of revenue which it had besides that furnished by the County. On a division vote the motion failed 10-16, Noble and Kidder abstaining. Budget left as originally presented.

Cooperative Service, which is a branch of the Extension Service, needs better meeting space; too many people in the area and no privacy. Ventilation is also a problem. However, the Commissioners are trying to work something out to improve this situation. Rep. Cushman stated they needed \$6,000 more. Rep. Rich explained the bookkeeping had been changed, so



no additional funds were being requested at this time. When the department moved to this building, \$16,000 in rent was saved. Budget remained as presented.

Rep. Shapiro asked why the capitol budget was put into the operating budget. It was explained by Rep. Cate. Rep. Shapiro disagreed with the Executive Committee but offered no motion with regard to this action. The Contingency Fund was discussed: Rep. Kenison moved, seconded by Rep. Chase, that it be increased to \$30,000. Motion failed on voice vote.

Rep. Harriman, seconded by Rep. Jones, moved that the proposal for Revenue Sharing in the amount of \$298,632 be accepted. Motion passed on voice vote.

A motion by Milton Cate, seconded by Rep. Jones, that the budget be accepted as presented, was carried unanimously. Budget resolution as adopted attached.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Gwendolyn Jones  
CLERK

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**MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING**  
**Administration Building**  
**Concord, New Hampshire**

August 9, 1976

A meeting of the Merrimack County Delegation was held at 1:00 p.m., August 9, 1976 at the County Administration Building. The meeting was called at the request of the County Commissioners to do something concrete about the courthouse. Present were Representatives Kidder, Sherman, Chandler, Currier, Packard, Shepard, Hanson, McNichol, Boucher, Hess, Riley, Chase, Gamache, Ayles, Bartlett, John Cate, Cushman, Millard, Thompson, Wiggan, Daniell, Estee, Ralph, Milton Cate, Haller, Castaldo, Jones, Rich, Underwood, Kenison, Christensen, Hager and Noble, for a total of 33 representatives present.

The federal government has recently passed a law regarding a program of Public Works to relieve unemployment. New Hampshire's share amounts to \$10 million. There was a great deal of discussion as to the unemployment rate in New Hampshire and possible other public plans in the state besides our courthouse. As far as we know, funds can be used for either remodeling of the old building or building a new one. The Space Committee has not yet made a recommendation either to the Commissioners or the Delegation.

Bruce Jacobs of Space Utilization Analysis (SUA), a California concern, offered to study our needs, draw up plans and sketches, apply for the grant and monitor it in Washington. They would supervise the building construction, etc. for a cost of \$64,000.

Bob Shaine of Anderson-Nichols, whose office is here in Concord, offered the same type of service for \$10,000. Architect Wilson made a brief statement.

Under questioning from delegation members, it was determined that it would cost between two and three million dollars for constructing either a new building or remodeling the old building.

There was discussion relative to securing title to Doyen Park for present or future use. Federal funds cannot be used to purchase land so the cost of this part of the project will have to come from county funds. The commissioners are adamant that the county own Doyen Park and have initiated negotiations with City Manager Henchey for the purchase of it from the City of Concord.

Rep. Hess moved, seconded by Cushman, that \$10,000 be appropriated for the purpose of investigating and applying for a grant for a new courthouse or renovation of the old building.

Rep. Sherman, seconded by Hager, moved an amendment that the appropriation be \$64,000.

The vote on this amendment was 3 ayes and 28 nos, motion lost. AYE: Sherman, Castaldo, Underwood. NO: Kidder, Chandler, Packard, Shepard, Hanson, McNichol, Boucher, Hess, Riley, Chase, Ayles, Bartlett, John Cate, Cushman, Millard, Thompson, Wiggin, Daniell, Estee, Ralph, Milton Cate, Haller, McLane, Rich, Kenison, Christensen, Hager, Noble.



Rep. Daniell moved, seconded by Chandler, an amendment that no money be expended or commitments made until the delegation had a full report from the Space Committee. The vote on this amendment was 14 ayes, 17 nays, motion lost. AYE: Kidder, Chandler, Packard, Shepard, Boucher, Riley, Ayles, John Cate, Millard, Thompson, Daniell, Ralph, Jones, Christensen. NAYS: Sherman, Hanson, McNichol, Hess, Chase, Bartlett, Cushman, Wiggin, Estee, Milton Cate, Haller, Castaldo, Rich, Underwood, Kenison, Hager, Noble.

The original motion was then put to a vote. Motion carried with 30 ayes and 1 nay. AYES: Kidder, Sherman, Chandler, Packard, Shepard, Hanson, McNichol, Boucher, Hess, Riley, Chase, Ayles, Bartlett, John Cate, Cushman, Millard, Thompson, Wiggin, Estee, Ralph, Milton Cate, Haller, Castaldo, Jones, Rich, Underwood, Kenison, Christensen, Hager, Noble. NAY: Daniell.

The meeting then adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Gwendolyn Jones  
CLERK

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**MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING**  
**County Administration Building**  
**Concord, New Hampshire**

September 8, 1976

A meeting of the Merrimack County Delegation was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on September 8, 1976, by Chairman Noble, with a quorum ultimately being present. Other members present were representatives Kidder, Sherman, Chandler, Currier, Packard, Shepard, Hanson, McNichol, Boucher, Hess, Riley, Chase, Gamache, Ayles, Bartlett, John O. Cate, Millard, Thompson, Wiggin, LaBonte, Daniell, Ralph, Milton Cate, Davis, McLane, Jones, Tarr, Rich, Underwood, Kenison, Christensen, Shapiro, and Hager, giving a total of 34 members present.

Rod Tenney reported for the Space Committee that they recommend the purchase of Doyen Park for \$30,000, with one quarter to one third of the space to be preserved for passive recreation; and that a new courthouse be built, and that the Delegation and Bar Association be so notified.

Rep. McLane answered questions as to "passive recreation": no slides or play equipment, only benches, landscaping, etc. This would be used by adults from the "Tower", etc.

As to funding it was hoped that it might be coming from budget surplus this year, otherwise from taxes with bonding next year.

A question as to whether the Space Committee had considered building elsewhere in the city, i.e. the Heights area near the Supreme Court Building, was answered in the negative.

Rep. Milton Cate moved, seconded by Rep. Hess, that the Delegation authorize the purchase of and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to purchase Doyen Park, and that the County Commissioners negotiate with the City Manager as to the 25% to 30% of the park to be set aside as a passive recreation area. Polling the delegation, the result was unanimously in the affirmative.

Bob Shaine of Anderson-Nichol reported that they have started their work on preparing material for the request to the Federal Government for funds for the courthouse, whether new or remodeled. They have secured out-of-state architects, etc., who are specialists in this field. He explained the point system which the government will use in awarding the funds requested. For example, 25 for the level of unemployment, 30 for the project, 30 for labor intensity. The project has to be completed within two years, and the applicant must own the land. Labor from Manchester and Nashua can be used, but 10% must come from this immediate area. He attended a meeting in Boston a few days ago, and the only New Hampshire request other than ours was for \$2,000,000 for two projects in Berlin. However, another meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn here in Concord on September 9, at which time a better picture of N. H. demands will probably surface. It is hoped that the building or remodeling can be completely federally funded.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Gwendolyn Jones  
CLERK



**MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION**  
**County Administration Building**  
**Concord, New Hampshire**

November 29, 1976

Following a Public Hearing called by the County Commissioners, the Merrimack County Delegation met at 2:30 p.m. Members present were Kidder, Chandler, Packard, Hanson, McNichol, Hess, Chase, Gamache, Bartlett, John O. Cate, Millard, Wiggin, Humphrey, LaBonte, Daniell, Ralph, Milton Cate, Castaldo, Jones, Tarr, Rich, Underwood, Christensen, Shapiro, Hager, and Noble. Kidder presided.

Milton Cate moved, seconded by LaBonte the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) be appropriated for completion of the addition to the Merrimack County Nursing Home at Boscawen, for the original equipping and furnishing thereof, and for certain renovations associated with the project, and that the Board of Commissioners are authorized to issue six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) in bonds of the County under RSA 28 and the Municipal Finance Act to fund the appropriation.

On roll call the following voted "yes": Kidder, Packard, Hanson, McNichol, Hess, Chase, Gamache, Bartlett, John O. Cate, Millard, Wiggin, Humphrey, LaBonte, Daniell, Ralph, Milton Cate, Castaldo, Jones, Tarr, Rich, Underwood, Christensen, Shapiro, Hager and Noble. Opposed, John Chander. Vote 25 to 1.

The following resolution was moved by Representative Hess, seconded by Cate:

RESOLVED, that, it being anticipated that at least two million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$2,800,000) will be needed during the fiscal year ending December 31, 1977 to meet the demands upon the County Treasury, which there is insufficient money to meet, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow not exceeding two million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$2,800,000) in anticipation of taxes during said year upon order of the Board of Commissioners pursuant to RSA 29:8.

On a voice vote the resolution was unanimously carried.

Representative Milton Cate, seconded by Representative Humphrey moved that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that until appropriations for expenses of Merrimack County for the year 1977 are made, departments and agencies are authorized to continue, in 1977, at rates of expenditures authorized for 1976.

Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The following resolution was then moved for acceptance by Representative Humphrey seconded by Representative Cate.

RESOLVED, that in addition to funds otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) be appropriated for the contingency fund for the year ending December 31, 1976.

This motion also carried on a voice vote, unanimously.

Commissioner Spaulding reported that after several meetings with State Welfare officials, they are unable to resolve their differences as to what is owed on the Eagle account. The County bill was for \$318,000.00 The State paid \$62,000 on it leaving a balance of about \$250,000. The Commissioners voted to file a bill with the incoming legislature to ask the State to pay this amount. This would not jeopardize further court action if legislation fails.

As to the Courthouse, Anderson-Nichols has submitted the request for funding to the Federal Government, requesting \$2,600,000. The Commissioners are very happy with Anderson-Nichols and feel they have done a very good job. By law, the government is required to notify us as to the status of the request, and we should hear from them about Christmas time.

Representative Daniel and Representative LaBonte moved that the Secretary send a letter to our Washington Representatives and Senators urging them to push for favorable consideration of funds for the Merrimack County Courthouse.

Motion carried.



Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Gwendolyn Jones  
CLERK

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**MERRIMACK COUNTY DELEGATION MEETING**  
**State House, Room 202**  
**Concord, New Hampshire**

December 8, 1976

A meeting of the Merrimack County Delegation was held at 3 p.m., in Room 202 of the State House on Wednesday, December 8, 1976. Temporary Chairman, Richard D. Hanson presided. Members present were Reps. James Foley, William F. Kidder, James V. Bibbo, Jr., John P. H. Chandler, Jr., Susan W. Pelton, David B. Packard, Irene J. Shepard, Bernadette O. McNichol, Laurent J. Boucher, Judith Ann Hess, Doris J. Riley, Edgar G. Bellerose, Mark M. Bodi, Ovila Gamache, Kenard Ayles, Kenneth E. Stockman, John O. Cate, Edwin L. Waters, Donna T. MacIvor, George R. Mullin, Doris L. Thompson, James A. Humphrey, Arthur H. LaBonte, Eugene S. Daniell, Jr., Katherine J. Ralph, Stuart B. Trachy, Milton A. Cate, Polly B. Johnson, Susan N. McLane, Max D. Wivott, G. Robertson Blackeney, Kenneth M. Tarr, Arthur W. Perkins, Wayne S. Rich, Maura Carroll, and Ernest J. Valliere.

Wayne Rich made the following motion: I move that we follow the precedent established in the last two bienniums and elect an Executive Committee consisting of twelve (12) members including Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Clerk of the Delegation; that the Executive Committee shall act as a sub-committee to consider the budget, and other matters, and make recommendations to the county convention; and that in keeping with rules of the House, the members of this committee be divided between Republicans and Democrats as nearly as possible in proportion to their numbers in the County Delegation. (There being 28 Republicans and 16 Democrats, the closest proportional division in this ratio is 8 Republicans and 4 Democrats.) The motion was seconded by Larry Boucher and unanimously adopted.

Bill Kidder was elected chairman. Larry Boucher, Vice-Chairman, and Polly B. Johnson, Clerk. Other Executive Committee members are as follows: Republicans Milton Cate, Jack Chandler, Dave Packard, Wayne Rich, and James Humphrey. Democrats elected were Maura Carroll, Arthur LaBonte, Ovila Gamache and George Mullin.

The meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Polly B. Johnson  
CLERK

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**MERRIMACK COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING  
AND DELEGATION MEETING  
County Administration Building  
Concord, New Hampshire**

December 20, 1976

The Public Hearing on the proposed County Budget was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman William Kidder. The roll was called and the following representatives were present: William F. Kidder, John P. H. Chandler, Jr., David B. Packard, Irene J. Shepard, Judith Ann Hess, Donna T. MacIvor, George R. Mullin, Arthur H. LaBonte, Stuart B. Trachy, Polly B. Johnson, Max D. Wivott, Arthur W. Perkins, Wayne S. Rich, Harold L. Rice, R. Peter Shapiro.

The budget was explained by Commissioner Spaulding and Coordinator Tenney. Commissioner Edna McKenna was present.

R venue sharing was discussed and the Commissioners recommended that Revenue Sharing be allocated as follows:

Administration Building Debt Service	\$50,000
Nursing Home Addition Debt Service	50,000
Social Service Grants	50,000
Corrections Department Salaries	58,000
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	\$208,000



The following County Department Heads were present and answered questions: County Nursing Home, Robert Lethbridge; Merrimack County Corrections Department, Edmund A. Cox; Merrimack County Sheriff, Ronald D. Daniels, Jr.; Merrimack County Extension, Mrs. Kathleen Cook; and Mr. Sumner Stanley, Selectman from New London.

Members of the delegation asked questions on the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Polly B. Johnson  
CLERK

## 1976 MERRIMACK COUNTY BUDGET RESOLUTION

I. Be it resolved by the Merrimack County Convention duly convened that the sums hereinafter detailed in this resolution are hereby appropriated to be paid out of the treasury of the county for the purposes specified for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1976.

1. Delegation	\$ 5,000
Space Committee	3,000

2. Administration

Personnel	\$38,900	
Operating Expenses	9,900	
Other:		
Health Insurance	10,000	
Retirement	8,360	
Social Security	23,400	
Insurance — Workmen's		
Comp.	4,500	
Total		\$ 95,060

3. Treasurer's Department

Personnel	\$22,156	
Operating Expenses	6,000	
Other:		
New Equipment	100	
Maintenance Agreement	1,250	
Total		\$ 29,506

4. Maintenance Department — Courthouse

Personnel	\$18,947	
Operating Expenses	7,250	
Other:		
Electricity	15,000	

Fuel	22,000
Insurance	<u>2,500</u>

Total \$ 65,697

5. Register of Deeds

Personnel	\$63,265
Operating Expenses	8,167
Other:	
Printing and Binding	26,293
New Equipment	<u>1,090</u>

Total \$ 98,815

6. Register of Probate

Personnel	\$ 6,790
Operating Expenses	1,150
Other:	
Microfilm and Office	
Equipment	25,000
Microfilming	30,000
Printing and Binding	3,200
Communications	<u>1,800</u>

Total \$ 67,940

7. County Attorney

Personnel	\$23,000
Operating Expenses	<u>1,555</u>

Total \$ 24,555

8. Welfare Department

Personnel	\$27,365
Operating Expenses	640
Other:	
Food Stamp Program —	
Bond	460
Welfare Direct Aid	33,000



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Old Age Assistance	6,100
Old Age Assistance — APTD	9,000
Nursing Home Care	200,000
Care & Board of Children	143,000
Communication	1,100
Travel	2,800
Soldiers Aid	<u>9,000</u>

Total	\$ 432,465
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## 9. Sheriff's Department

Personnel	\$95,364
Operating Expenses	9,200
Other:	
Vehicle Replacement	6,500
Fees to State Officials	7,000
Extraditions	3,000
Auto Maintenance	7,000
Insurance	2,600
Dispatch	<u>13,000</u>

Total	\$ 143,664
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## 10. Dispatch System

Personnel	\$31,608
Other:	
Communications	<u>5,000</u>

Total	\$ 36,608
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## 11. Corrections Department

Personnel	\$191,259
Operating Expenses	26,850
Other:	
Parking Lot	2,700
Meals & Board for Inmates	34,000
Heat and Lights	<u>8,400</u>

Total	\$ 263,209
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12. Medical Referee \$ 11,000

13. Superior Court

Personnel	\$80,000	
Operating Expenses	22,450	
Other:		
Jury Payrolls	64,000	
State vs. Payrolls	5,800	
Referees and Masters	24,000	
Stenographers	36,000	
Clerk's Retirement	1,600	
New Equipment	<u>26,925</u>	
Total		\$ 260,775

14. Nursing Home

a. Administration

Personnel	\$76,417	
Operating Expenses	20,885	
Other:		
Health Insurance	67,000	
Retirement	28,744	
Social Security	91,388	
Insurance	<u>22,500</u>	
Total		\$ 306,934

b. Dietary

Personnel	\$130,952	
Operating Expenses	30,500	
Other:		
Food	<u>250,000</u>	
Total		\$ 411,452

c. Nursing Services

Personnel	\$938,411
Operating Expenses	20,000

## Other:

Replacement Equipment     1,000

Total

\$ 959,411

## d. Plant Operations

Personnel     \$112,186

Operating Expenses     47,700

## Other:

Equipment     7,800

Electricity     37,120

Gas     13,000

Care of Equipment     17,000

Fuel     80,000

Total

\$ 314,806

## e. Laundry and Linen

Personnel     \$93,898

Operating Expenses     32,500

## Other:

Replacement Equipment     500

Total

\$ 126,898

## f. Housekeeping

Personnel     \$100,359

Operating Expenses     16,250

Total

\$ 116,609

## g. Physicians

Personnel     \$20,220

Operating Expenses     1,500

## Other:

Purchased Drugs     50,000

Physicals     3,000

Total

\$ 74,720



## h. Rehabilitation/Recreation

Personnel	\$48,699	
Operating Expenses	2,500	
Other:		
Contractual Services —SES	13,080	
Services to Residents	<u>25,000</u>	
Total		\$ 89,279
Total Nursing Home		\$2,400,109

## 15. Farm

Personnel	\$35,897	
Operating Expenses	7,850	
Other:		
Feed	13,500	
Taxes	9,000	
New Equipment	3,000	
Special Projects	1,000	
Insurance	3,441	
Gas/Oil	2,100	
Seed/Fertilizer/Spray	<u>7,000</u>	
Total		\$ 82,788

16. Eagle Convalescent Center \$ 135,000

17. Cooperative Extension Service \$ 58,500

## 18. Grants

Central New Hampshire Com-	
munity Mental Health	
Services	\$37,000
Purchased Mental Health	
Services	3,000
Community Action Program:	
Meals on Wheels	5,000
Transportation	5,000
Visiting Nurse Association	14,500

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Retired Senior Volunteer Program	4,000	
Merrimack County Conservation District	<u>6,000</u>	
Total		\$ 74,500
19. Contingency		\$ 20,000
20. Debt Service		\$ 915,631
21. Twenty-seventh Pay Period		\$ 85,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION		\$5,308,822

II. Be it further resolved that the salaries for the following positions be established as indicated effective July 1, 1976:

Commissioners	\$ 3,000
Treasurer	3,000
County Attorney	15,000
Sheriff	18,700
Register of Deeds	16,275

III. Be it further resolved that the sums hereinafter detailed are hereby adopted as estimates of revenue from the sources indicated:

1. General Government

Superior Court	\$38,000
Register of Deeds	82,000
Sheriff:	
Writ Fees	50,000
Dispatch System	36,608
Welfare:	
Board & Care of Children	8,000
Direct Aid	1,000
Soldiers Aid	800
Old Age Assistance	1,500
Food Stamps	4,000

Revenue Sharing	298,632
Corrections — Miscellaneous	2,000
Interest	<u>220,000</u>

Total	\$ 742,540
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## 2. County Farm

Sale of Milk	\$30,000
Sale of Livestock	2,000
Sale of Produce	1,000
Sale of Food to Home	25,000
Miscellaneous	<u>1,000</u>

Total	\$ 59,000
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## 3. Home and Hospital

Social Security	\$ 350,000
Welfare	1,237,203
Private	30,000
Maintenance	31,500
Internal Income	46,335
Miscellaneous	<u>4,000</u>

Total	\$1,699,038
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4. Eagle Convalescent Center	\$ 135,000
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5. Building Fund Surplus	\$ 10,000
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6. Prior Year Surplus	\$ 154,507
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,800,085
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IV. Be if further resolved that, the total appropriation being in excess of the total estimated revenues in the amount of \$2,508,737, the treasurer shall issue his warrant to the several towns and cities in the county for this amount pursuant to RSA 29:11.

V. Be if further resolved in accordance with RSA 24:14 that no trans-



fers of appropriations shall be made between departments without the approval of the Executive Committee of the County Convention.

VI. Be it further resolved that no expenditure for personnel, travel, or in excess of \$500 shall be made from the contingency fund without approval of the Executive Committee of the County Convention.

VII. This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

RESOLVED, that Federal Revenue Sharing funds for calendar year 1976 be allocated as follows:

Corrections Department Salaries	\$ 74,316
Welfare Department Salaries	24,316
Social Services Grants	50,000
Administration Building Debt Service	50,000
Nursing Home Addition Debt Service	<u>100,000</u>
	\$298,632

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## REPORT OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Merrimack County:

Celebration of the nation's bicentennial, progress on the new wing of the County Home and completion of the waste treatment plant were some of the highlights for Merrimack County during this past year.

As an official bicentennial community, Merrimack County issued 300 commemorative license plates and culminated its bicentennial activities in a Merrimack County Bicentennial Day on June 4 under the direction of Judith Coleman, Chairperson of the Bicentennial Committee. Participation by county officials, county employees and the Merrimack Valley High School Band contributed to a successful celebration.

Among other improvements in our administrative processes, this year witnessed increased benefits for county government employees. Recommendations by a personnel study committee resulted in the adoption of personnel rules and regulations and a more definitive classification and compensation system for county employees.

Phase-out of the Eagle Convalescent Center, and the eventual shutdown came in the first few months of 1976. On June 30 the county was officially relieved of all responsibility for the facility. Difficulties were encountered in recovering costs from the state for the Eagle's operation. As a result, the county resolved to initiate legislation in the upcoming legislative session appropriating \$254,000 to reimburse Merrimack County for its expenses.

Work continued throughout the year on the 204-bed addition to the County Nursing Home. In terms of space and proper treatment facilities, the new addition will greatly improve the staff's abilities to care for our county's elderly. The projected completion date is fall of 1977. The Waste Treatment Plant servicing the County Home was completed in late fall with dedication for the new facility slated for January.

The Board continued its recently initiated program of public hearings on the proposed 1977 budget as well as holding a special meeting with municipal officials. This serves a dual purpose of furthering communica-

tion between citizens and government and familiarizing the public with the county budgetary process.

The county purchased Doyon Park from the City of Concord in anticipation of space needs for a new county courthouse. Anderson-Nichols was employed as a consultant to coordinate plans and seek funds through the Public Works Employment Act of 1976. If efforts are successful, construction of a new building would be part of a federally funded job works program.

Housing and transporting female prisoners continues to be an issue in need of resolve by the county. The Board continued its investigations into this as well as other areas, such as the excessive financial burden placed on Merrimack County Superior Court as the forum for state criminal prosecutions. The costs and workload of most state cases fall on Merrimack County and ultimately on the property owners of the county. Hopefully, the coming year will see some resolutions to these problems.

MERRIMACK COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS

Albert M. Ayotte, Chairman  
Edna C. McKenna, Clerk  
Peter J. Spaulding

*Merrimack County*



*A Bicentennial Community*



## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

To the Citizens of Merrimack County,

Merrimack County has retained its triple A financial rating despite unemployment and inflation which have hurt the financial stability of other areas. A triple A rating is the highest rating a unit of government can offer investors in the bond market. It insures a sound, stable investment for buyers which in turn attracts favorable interest rates for county borrowing. Good management at both the county and local level have contributed to our sound financial status.

For your review, following is the annual report of our auditors detailing the counties income and expenses for 1976.

Richard D. Hanson  
TREASURER

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## **REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**

Board of County Commissioners  
County of Merrimack, New Hampshire  
County Court House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Gentlemen:

We have examined the Financial Statements of the various funds of the County of Merrimack, New Hampshire, for the year ended December 31, 1976. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned Financial Statements present fairly the financial position of such funds of the County of Merrimack, New Hampshire at December 31, 1976, and the results of operations of such funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Connors  
Certified Public Accountant  
JOHN E. RICH & COMPANY  
Accountants and Auditors

COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET — ALL FUNDS  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976

	General Fund	Superior Court	Capital Projects Bond Fund	Federal Re- venue Sharing Funds	Property and Equipment Fund	General Long-Term Debt
Assets						
Cash	\$138,501	\$ 25,065	\$1,738,623	\$ 15,950	\$	\$
Accounts Receivable	652,349				6,054,716	
Property and Equipment						6,555,000
Amount Required to be Provided in the Future						\$6,555,000
For Retirement of Debt						
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$790,850</u>	<u>\$ 25,065</u>	<u>\$1,738,623</u>	<u>\$ 15,950</u>	<u>\$6,054,716</u>	<u>\$6,555,000</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances						
Accounts Payable	\$691,597	\$ 25,065	\$	\$	\$	\$
Accrued Expenses	3,356					
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations	4,033					
Bonds Payable						6,555,000
Total Liabilities	698,986	25,065				6,555,000
Fund Balances	<u>91,864</u>		<u>1,738,623</u>	<u>15,950</u>	<u>6,054,716</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$790,850</u>	<u>\$ 25,065</u>	<u>\$1,738,623</u>	<u>\$ 15,950</u>	<u>\$6,054,716</u>	<u>\$6,555,000</u>



**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976**

**ASSETS**

**Cash**

Bank of New Hampshire	\$138,616
County Extension Service	8
Franklin National Bank	(473)
Petty Cash Funds	<u>350</u>
Total Cash	\$138,501

**Accounts Due the County**

Reimbursement — Sewerage Treatment Facility	153,360
State of New Hampshire — Eagle Convalescent Home	254,229
Patients — County Nursing Home	156,172
Commissioners' Office	72,320
Other	<u>16,268</u>
Total Receivables	<u>652,349</u>

**TOTAL ASSETS****\$790,850**

**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GENERAL FUND  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976**

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	\$691,597
Accrued Payroll Deductions	3,356
Unexpended Balance of Special Appropriation — County Extension Service	8
Register of Probate Salary	<u>4,025</u>

Total Current Liabilities \$698,986

**Fund Balance**

Balance, January 1, 1976 283,995

**Non-Operating Changes in Fund Balance**

**Additions**

Recovery of Account Receivable	\$ 641
Other	<u>220</u>
Total Additions	861

Total 284,856

**Deductions**

Surplus Used to Reduce 1976	
Appropriation	\$197,506
Adjustment of Prior Year's Accounts Payable	<u>434</u>
Total Deductions	<u>\$197,940</u>

Adjusted Total 86,916

**Add: Current Year's Operations**

Revenues — Exhibit B	5,330,573
Expenditures — Exhibit C	<u>5,325,625</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>4,948</u>

Balance, December 31, 1976 \$ 91,864

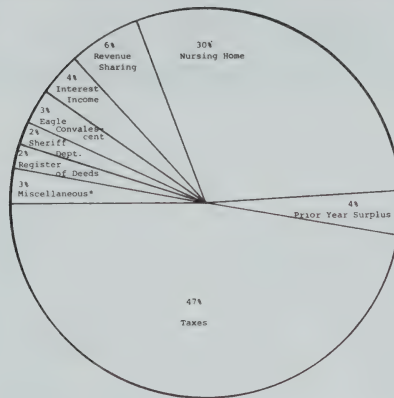
**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

\$790,850

**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

	1976	
General Government	Budget	Actual
Taxes	\$2,518,737	\$2,518,737
Superior Court — Fines and Forfeits	35,000	30,414
Register of Deeds	82,000	101,301
Sheriff's Writ Fees	50,000	54,859
Dispatch System	36,608	34,090
Sheriff — Manpower Salary		1,675
Probate — State Funds	3,646	8,050
Board and Care of Children	8,000	7,076
Direct Aid	1,000	856
Soldiers Aid	800	1,002
Old Age Assistance	1,500	1,175
Unexpended Balance of Proceeds of Bond Issues to Offset Principal Payment of Related		
Bond Issue	10,000	10,000
Food Stamp Program Income	4,000	4,018
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	298,632	298,632
Treasurer's Department		18,976
Interest Income on Certificates and Savings	<u>220,000</u>	<u>229,768</u>
Total	3,269,923	3,320,629
Prior Year's Surplus Used to Reduce 1976 County Tax Rate	<u>197,506</u>	<u>197,506</u>
Total Revenue — General Government	3,467,429	3,518,135
Nursing Home Revenue	1,634,738	1,586,851
Corrections Department	2,000	2,812
Farm Income	59,000	73,361
Eagle Convalescent Home Income	<u>135,000</u>	<u>149,414</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<u><u>\$5,298,167</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,330,573</u></u>

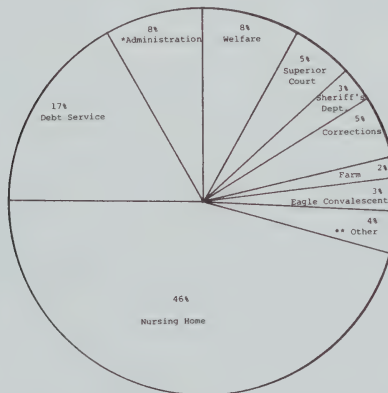
## SOURCES OF COUNTY REVENUE



\*Miscellaneous — Probate, Treasurer's Dept., Superior Court, Welfare, Corrections, County Farm and Bond Proceeds.

**NOTE:** Percentages are based on actual revenue for 1976 detailed above. Due to rounding, percentages given may not add up to 100%. Exact figures can be derived from actual amounts.

## WHERE YOUR COUNTY TAX DOLLAR GOES



\*Administration — Commissioner's Office, Treasurer, Deeds, Probate, County Attorney, Medical Referee and Courthouse Maintenance.

\*\*Other — Affiliated Agencies, Contingency, Consultant fees, Doyon Park.

**NOTE:** Percentages are based on actual expenditures for 1976 detailed above. Due to rounding, percentages given may not add up to 100%. Exact figures can be derived from actual amounts.



**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

	1976	
	Budget	Actual
<b>General Government</b>		
Administrative	\$ 101,845	\$ 98,065
Treasurer's Department	30,243	27,581
Delegation and Space Committee	8,000	5,624
County Attorney	28,016	30,225
Register of Deeds	101,325	95,323
Register of Probate	72,093	76,574
Sheriff's Department	148,758	148,819
Dispatch System	37,595	29,061
Medical Referee	11,000	12,019
Maintenance of Court House	66,467	65,028
Superior Court	260,775	272,156
Public Welfare	433,521	448,389
Other	696,486	696,546
Total Expenditures — General Government	1,996,124	2,005,410
<b>Nursing Home</b>	2,810,830	2,808,297
<b>Corrections Department</b>	271,982	269,603
<b>Farm</b>	84,231	92,901
<b>Eagle Convalescent Home</b>	135,000	149,414
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u><u>\$5,298,167</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,325,625</u></u>

**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GENERAL FUND – GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

	1976	
	Budget	Actual
<b>Administrative</b>		
Salaries	\$ 39,259	\$ 38,740
Special Services	6,426	6,426
Employees' Social Security	23,400	21,371
Employees' Blue Cross Insurance	10,416	10,569
Employees' Retirement	10,706	9,976
Insurance — Workmen's Compensation	2,154	2,154
Outside Services	1,000	1,017
Printing and Binding	1,584	1,118
Administration Supplies	500	473
Communications	4,000	4,325
Travel	800	1,441
Equipment Repairs	100	
Equipment Rental	<u>1,500</u>	<u>455</u>
Totals	<u>\$101,845</u>	<u>\$ 98,065</u>
<b>Treasurer's Department</b>		
Salaries	\$ 23,093	\$ 23,092
Outside Services	1,200	1,002
Printing	600	28
Supplies	2,550	1,117
Communications	900	666
Travel	550	494
Equipment Repairs	1,250	1,182
New Equipment	<u>100</u>	
Totals	<u>\$ 30,243</u>	<u>\$ 27,581</u>
<b>Delegation and Space Committee</b>		
Delegation	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,013
Space Study and Planning	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,611</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 8,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,624</u>

1976

<b>County Attorney</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Salary	\$ 20,461	\$ 22,307
Special Services	6,000	6,000
Outside Services	400	369
Printing and Binding	75	18
Supplies	350	389
Communications	630	967
Travel	<u>100</u>	<u>175</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 28,016</u>	<u>\$ 30,225</u>

<b>Register of Deeds</b>		
Salaries	\$ 69,439	\$ 66,929
Outside Services	2,367	1,408
Printing and Binding	20,829	19,463
Supplies	2,600	2,433
Communications	3,000	2,258
Equipment Repairs	200	69
New Equipment	<u>2,890</u>	<u>2,763</u>
Totals	<u>\$101,325</u>	<u>\$ 95,323</u>

<b>Register of Probate</b>		
Salary	\$ 7,053	\$ 6,853
Special Salary Account*	3,890	6,808
Outside Services	150	428
Microfilm and Office Equipment	25,000	10,487
Microfilming	30,000	45,166
Printing and Binding	3,200	4,120
Supplies	800	811
Communications	1,800	1,889
Equipment Repairs	<u>200</u>	<u>12</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 72,093</u>	<u>\$ 76,574</u>

<b>Sheriff's Department</b>		
Salaries	\$ 98,724	\$ 98,221
Special Services		888
Operating Expenses — Education and Training	400	362

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\* Due to Fiscal Year Grant.

1976

	Budget	Actual
Vehicle Replacement	6,500	6,500
Fees Paid to State Officials	5,745	5,452
Office Expense — Stationery Supplies	1,414	1,487
Office Expense — Dues and Subscriptions	204	239
Office Expense — Postage	1,500	1,450
Office Expense — Photography	346	416
Office Expense — Extraditions and Travel	1,479	1,308
Communication — Telephone	748	715
Dispatch Services	13,000	13,000
Auto Maintenance	12,452	12,365
Operating Expense — Insurance	5,228	5,228
Equipment	<u>1,018</u>	<u>1,188</u>
Totals	<u>\$148,758</u>	<u>\$148,819</u>
<b>Dispatch System</b>		
Salaries	\$ 32,595	\$ 24,144
Communications	<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,917</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 37,595</u>	<u>\$ 29,061</u>
<b>Medical Referee</b>		
Salaries	\$ 11,000	\$ 4,840
Special Services		5,942
Outside Services		1,063
Travel	<u>          </u>	<u>174</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 11,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,019</u>
<b>Maintenance of Court House</b>		
Salaries	\$ 20,412	\$ 20,417
Electricity	18,549	18,698
Water	1,228	1,120
Fuel	17,106	17,104
Outside Services	2,242	2,898
Care of Grounds	305	62
Court House Supplies	2,200	2,204
Equipment Repairs	1,353	1,451
Insurance	2,500	502



	1976	
	Budget	Actual
Building Improvements	<u>572</u>	<u>572</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 66,467</u>	<u>\$ 65,028</u>
<b>Superior Court</b>		
Salaries	\$ 80,000	\$ 76,510
Outside Services	1,500	3,971
Printing and Binding	5,000	1,732
Supplies	7,500	7,505
Jury Payrolls	64,000	73,884
State vs. Payroll	5,800	6,088
Referees and Masters	24,000	20,772
Court Stenographers Fees	36,000	41,781
Communications	6,200	7,310
Travel	1,000	380
Clerks' Retirement Plan	1,600	1,901
Equipment Repairs	500	615
Insurance	750	604
New Equipment	<u>26,925</u>	<u>29,103</u>
Totals	<u>\$260,775</u>	<u>\$272,156</u>
<b>Public Welfare</b>		
Salaries	\$ 28,421	\$ 28,189
Printing and Binding	40	40
Supplies	375	174
Food Stamp Program	460	444
Soldiers' Aid	9,000	13,297
Welfare Direct Aid	33,000	24,545
Old Age Assistance	6,100	3,316
Old Age Assistance — APTD	9,000	8,685
Outside Intermediate Nursing Home Care	200,000	220,252
Board and Care of Children	143,000	146,545
Communications	1,100	566
Travel	2,800	2,183
Equipment Repairs	<u>225</u>	<u>153</u>
Totals	<u>\$433,521</u>	<u>\$448,389</u>

	1976	
Other	Budget	Actual
County Extension Service	\$ 58,500	\$ 58,500
Interest Paid — Tax Anticipation Notes	34,751	34,751
Interest Paid — Long-Term Notes	44,100	44,100
Concord Mental Health	37,000	37,000
Purchased Mental Health Service	3,000	464
Visiting Nurse Association	14,500	14,500
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	4,000	4,000
Merrimack County Conservation District	6,200	6,099
Community Action Program	10,000	10,000
Bond Principal Payment — Admin. Bldg.	50,000	50,000
Bond Principal Payment — Hospital Improvements	30,000	30,000
Bond Principal Payment — 48 Bed Addition	70,000	70,000
Bond Principal Payment — 200 Bed Addition	275,000	275,000
Contingency	19,755	22,132
27th Pay Period	(320)	
Consultant Fees	10,000	10,000
Doyen Park Purchase	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$696,486</u>	<u>\$696,546</u>

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**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GENERAL FUND – NURSING HOME  
STATEMENT OF INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

	1976	
	Budget	Actual
<b>Revenue</b>	<u><b>\$1,634,738</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,586,851</b></u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Administrative	309,551	308,300
Property and Related Expenses	411,806	411,806
Dietary	381,075	380,923
Nursing Services	1,058,642	1,058,579
Maintenance	264,163	263,947
Laundry and Linen	129,225	129,084
Housekeeping	112,840	112,590
Physicians and Drugs	59,386	59,317
Special Services	<u>84,142</u>	<u>83,751</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u><b>2,810,830</b></u>	<u><b>2,808,297</b></u>

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**DETAIL OF REVENUE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 1976**

	1976	
	Budget	Actual
<b>Income</b>		
Social Security	\$ 350,000	\$ 358,904
Welfare	1,237,203	1,186,105
Private	30,000	34,229
Medicine Miscellaneous	4,000	6,247
Internal Income – Other	<u>13,535</u>	<u>1,366</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$1,634,738</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,586,851</b></u>

**DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

	1976	
	Budget	Actual
<b>Administrative</b>		
Salaries	\$ 90,726	\$ 89,942
Social Security Taxes	97,116	97,116
Employees' Group Insurance	58,488	58,487
Employees' Retirement	28,946	28,946
Outside Services	1,196	1,196
Office Supplies	5,518	5,583
Postage	801	800
Advertising and Public Relations	375	303
Communications	8,269	8,269
Licenses, Dues and Publications	327	327
Travel, Auto	1,862	1,561
Conference and Education	1,000	844
Insurance	<u>14,927</u>	<u>14,926</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 309,551</u>	<u>\$ 308,300</u>
<b>Property and Related Expenses</b>		
Interest — Long-Term Debt	\$ 359,614	\$ 359,614
Interest — Short-Term Debt	<u>52,192</u>	<u>52,192</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 411,806</u>	<u>\$ 411,806</u>
<b>Dietary</b>		
Salaries	\$ 154,721	\$ 154,721
Supplies and Other Expenses	31,438	31,438
Purchased Food	235,086	235,085
New Equipment	<u>830</u>	<u>830</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 422,075</u>	<u>\$ 422,074</u>
<b>Nursing Services</b>		
Salaries	\$1,045,980	\$1,045,980
Supplies and Other Expenses	12,162	12,162
New Equipment	<u>500</u>	<u>437</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,058,642</u>	<u>\$1,058,579</u>



	1976	
Maintenance	Budget	Actual
Salaries	\$ 110,312	\$ 110,312
Supplies	3,000	2,823
Electricity	46,204	46,204
Gas	12,669	12,669
Fuel	72,592	72,592
Care of Grounds	2,313	2,156
Care of Equipment	7,713	7,676
Building Repairs	20,867	20,867
New Equipment	<u>8,793</u>	<u>8,793</u>
Totals	284,463	284,092
Less: Allocations to Farm and Jail	(8,800)	(8,800)
Room and Board to Employees	<u>(11,500)</u>	<u>(11,345)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 264,163</u>	<u>\$ 263,947</u>
Laundry and Linen		
Salaries	\$ 100,202	\$ 100,070
Supplies	11,516	11,516
Purchased Linens	17,348	17,348
New Equipment	<u>159</u>	<u>150</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 129,225</u>	<u>\$ 129,084</u>
Housekeeping		
Salaries	\$ 102,410	\$ 102,410
Purchased Services	250	
Supplies and Other Expenses	9,558	9,558
New Equipment	<u>622</u>	<u>622</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 112,840</u>	<u>\$ 112,590</u>
Physicians and Drugs		
Salaries	\$ 19,920	\$ 19,870
Purchased Drugs	39,655	39,655
Supplies and Other Expenses	<u>2,811</u>	<u>2,809</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 62,386</u>	<u>\$ 62,334</u>

	1976	
Special Services	Budget	Actual
Salaries	\$ 53,174	\$ 53,174
Supplies	798	797
Services for Residents	16,590	16,590
Contractual Services	13,080	13,080
New Equipment	<u>500</u>	<u>110</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 84,142</u>	<u>\$ 83,751</u>

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COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GENERAL FUND – CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

	1976	
Income	Budget	Actual
Income	\$ 2,000	\$ 315
Grant Income for Guards		2,497
Total Income	<u>\$ 2,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,812</u>
Operating Expenses		
Salaries	180,513	186,931
Social Security Taxes	11,007	10,975
Employees' Group Insurance	4,584	4,313
Employees' Retirement	3,903	3,612
Supplies and Other Expenses	11,000	11,768
Meals for Inmates	33,125	26,521
Medical Services for Inmates	5,000	4,598
Occupancy, Heat and Lights	8,400	8,400
Communications	3,000	2,555
Travel	165	165
Maintenance and Repairs	1,485	518
Rehabilitation Expense	2,000	3,652
Parking Lot	2,400	2,370
Insurance	4,200	2,060
New Equipment	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,165</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>271,982</u>	<u>269,603</u>

MERRIMACK COUNTY  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
BICENTENNIAL DAY  
JUNE 4, 1976



*Above: Albert Ayotte, Chairman, Merrimack County Commissioners, delivering the welcome at the Bicentennial celebration. Seated (l-r) Roger Smith, State Senator; Judith Coleman, Chairperson Merrimack County Bicentennial Committee; Richard Hanson, County Treasurer; Duane Squires, Chairman N.H. Bicentennial Commission; Commissioner Edna McKenna and Mrs. Squires.*

*Below: Merrimack Valley High School Band. (Concord Monitor Photo)*







*Below: (l-r) Treasurer Richard Hanson and Commissioner Albert Ayotte accepting Bicentennial Flag presented by J. Duane Squires, Chairman, N.H. Bicentennial Committee.*





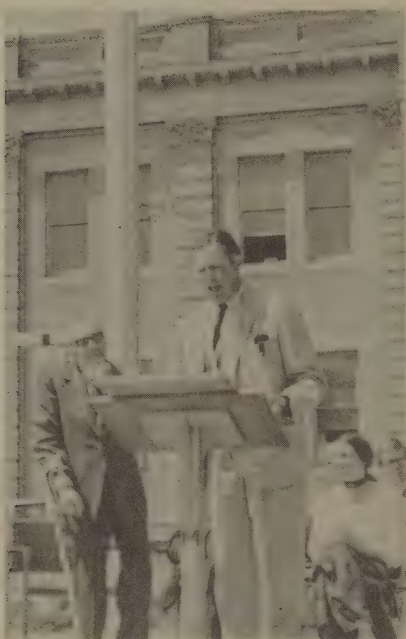
*Above: Sheriff Ronald Daniels leading horse and buggy with members of the Bicentennial Committee, Rep. Linda Kenison, Norma Blanchard, Leila Bartlett and Kathleen Guay, Register of Deeds. (Concord Monitor Photo)*

*Below: Refreshments courtesy of the Bicentennial Committee. Serving (l-r) Norma Blanchard, Roberta Moody, Kathleen Guay and Alice Mancini.*





*Administrator of the County Nursing Home, Robert Lethbridge accepting presentation of Bicentennial Flag to the Home from Chairman of the Merrimack County Delegation, Rep. John Noble.*



*Above: Dedication of the County Administration Building by former Chairman of the County Delegation, George Kopperl.*

*Below: Commissioner Edna McKenna at the raising of the Flag, Corrections Facility.*





**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**GENERAL FUND – COUNTY FARM**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

	1976	
Income	Budget	Actual
Sale of Milk	\$ 30,000	\$ 51,453
Sale of Livestock	2,000	2,292
Sale of Produce	1,000	556
Sale of Food to Dietary	25,000	18,356
Miscellaneous Farm Income	<u>1,000</u>	<u>704</u>
Total Farm Income	<u>\$ 59,000</u>	<u>\$ 73,361</u>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Salaries	\$ 32,040	\$ 36,848
Social Security Taxes	1,790	2,121
Employees' Group Insurance	1,440	1,041
Employees' Retirement	570	558
Veterinary Fees	1,500	1,514
Breeding, Testing and Registration	1,400	1,322
Supplies and Other Expenses	2,000	2,315
Occupancy, Heat and Lights	400	400
Gas, Oil and Grease	2,100	2,331
Seed, Fertilizer and Spray	7,000	6,736
Feed	13,500	16,750
Bedding	300	546
Repairs to Buildings	750	1,000
Repairs to Equipment	2,500	2,793
Taxes	9,000	9,729
Rent	500	412
Special Projects	1,000	318
Insurance	3,441	3,218
New Equipment	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,949</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 84,231</u>	<u>\$ 92,901</u>



**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GENERAL FUND – EAGLE CONVALESCENT HOME  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

	1976	
Income	Budget	Actual
Social Security	\$ 3,140	\$ 3,140
Welfare	15,620	15,620
Private	1,600	1,600
Miscellaneous Income		121
Maintenance – Meals	74	74
Income from State of New Hampshire	<u>114,566</u>	<u>128,859</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 135,000</u>	<u>\$ 149,414</u>
Expenses		
Administration	\$ 13,606	\$ 17,591
Property and Related Expenses	33,000	33,000
Dietary	14,473	14,500
Nursing Services	40,677	40,677
Plant Operations	18,717	29,546
Laundry and Linen	3,544	3,082
Housekeeping	9,885	9,885
Physicians	42	42
Rehabilitation and Recreational Services	<u>1,056</u>	<u>1,091</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 135,000</u>	<u>\$ 149,414</u>

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**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
EAGLE CONVALESCENT HOME  
DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

	1976	
Administration	Budget	Actual
Salaries	\$ 7,857	\$ 7,857
Social Security Taxes	1,244	4,913
Employees' Group Insurance	3,164	3,170

	1976	
	Budget	Actual
Employees' Retirement	600	584
Office Supplies	12	12
Postage	9	9
Other Expenses	60	60
Communications	300	592
Travel — Auto	23	23
Insurance	<u>337</u>	<u>371</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 13,606</u>	<u>\$ 17,591</u>
<b>Property and Related Expenses</b>		
Rent	<u>\$ 33,000</u>	<u>\$ 33,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 33,000</u>	<u>\$ 33,000</u>
<b>Dietary</b>		
Salaries	\$ 12,241	\$ 12,240
Supplies and Other Expenses	116	116
Food — Purchases	<u>2,116</u>	<u>2,144</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 14,473</u>	<u>\$ 14,500</u>
<b>Nursing Services</b>		
Salaries	\$ 39,480	\$ 39,480
Supplies and Other Expenses	<u>1,197</u>	<u>1,197</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 40,677</u>	<u>\$ 40,677</u>
<b>Plant Operations</b>		
Salaries	\$ 5,766	\$ 11,456
Electricity	2,115	2,060
Water	1,500	1,789
Fuel	7,900	11,344
Equipment Maintenance	1,287	2,748
Building Repairs	<u>149</u>	<u>149</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 18,717</u>	<u>\$ 29,546</u>

	1976	
	Budget	Actual
Laundry and Linen		
Salaries	\$ 3,265	\$ 3,265
Supplies	<u>279</u>	<u>(183)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 3,544</u>	<u>\$ 3,082</u>
Housekeeping		
Salaries	\$ 9,862	\$ 9,862
Supplies and Other Expenses	<u>23</u>	<u>23</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 9,885</u>	<u>\$ 9,885</u>
Physicians		
Physicals	<u>\$ 42</u>	<u>\$ 42</u>
Rehabilitation and Recreational Service		
Salaries	\$ 990	\$ 990
Services for Residents	<u>66</u>	<u>\$ 101</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,056</u>	<u>\$ 1,091</u>

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**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

Available Funds, January 1, 1976		\$107,824
<b>Add: Revenue</b>		
Entitlements		
March 31, 1976	\$ 49,658	
June 30, 1976	49,658	
September 31, 1976	51,867	
December 31, 1976	<u>52,367</u>	
Total Entitlements	203,550	
Interest	<u>3,244</u>	
Total Revenue		<u>206,794</u>
<b>Total Available Funds</b>		314,618
<b>Less: Expenditures</b>		
Bond Principal Payments		
Nursing Home	100,000	
Administration Building	50,000	
Social Services Grant	50,000	
Guard Salaries — Jail and House of Correction	74,316	
Public Notices	36	
Welfare Department Salaries	<u>24,316</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>298,668</u>
<b>Unencumbered Unexpended Fund Balance, December 31, 1976, Exhibit A, Part I</b>		<u>\$ 15,950</u>

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**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CAPITAL PROJECTS BOND FUND  
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

	Total	Admn. Bldg.	48 Bed Addition	200 Bed Addition
Fund Balance, January 1, 1976	<u>\$5,061,980</u>	<u>\$ 11,071</u>	<u>\$ 4,272</u>	<u>\$5,046,637</u>
Expenditures				
Contractors	3,052,355		1,000	3,051,355
Architects' Fees	57,201			57,201
Other	203,375	2,485		200,890
Transfer of Interest To General Fund	426	10		416
Transfer of Unexpended Balance to General Fund	<u>10,000</u>	<u>6,728</u>	<u>3,272</u>	
Total Expenditures	<u>3,323,357</u>	<u>9,223</u>	<u>4,272</u>	<u>3,309,862</u>
Fund Balance, December 31, 1976	<u>\$1,738,623*</u>	<u>\$ 1,848</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$1,736,775</u>
*Deposited As Follows:				
Checking Accounts				
Concord National Bank			\$ 4,665	
New England Merchants National Bank			<u>10,994</u>	\$ 15,659
Savings Account New England Merchants National Bank				22,964
Certificates of Deposit				
New England Merchants National Bank, Due 1/18/77			500,000	
New England Merchants National Bank, Due 1/31/77			200,000	
New England Merchants National Bank, Due 4/19/77			<u>1,000,000</u>	
				<u>1,700,000</u>
Fund Balance, December 31, 1976				<u>\$1,738,623</u>



**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976**

**ASSETS**

**Amount Required to be Raised in the Future for Retirement of Debt**

Public Improvement Bonds

New Administration Building \$ 850,000

County Nursing Home – Hospital Improvement 270,000

County Nursing Home – Two Hundred Bed Addition 5,225,000

Long-Term Notes

Forty-Eight Bed Addition – County Nursing Home 210,000

Total Assets – Total Amount Required to be Raised

in the Future for Retirement of Debt – Exhibit A, Part I \$6,555,000

**LIABILITIES**

**Bones and Notes Payable**

4.90% Public Improvement Bonds Payable \$ 850,000

3.75% Public Improvement Bonds Payable 270,000

6.00% Public Improvement Bonds Payable 210,000

6.75% Five-Year Notes Payable – Concord National Bank 5,225,000

Total Bonds and Notes Payable, Exhibit A, Part I

\$6,555,000

**Debt Requirement for the Year Ended December 31, 1976**

	Total	Principal	Interest
Administration Building	\$ 91,650	\$ 50,000	\$ 41,650
Hospital Improvement	39,563	30,000	9,563
Forty-Eight Bed Addition	84,175	70,000	14,175
Two Hundred Bed Addition	<u>588,500</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>313,500</u>
Total Debt Requirement	<u><u>\$ 803,888</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 425,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 378,888</u></u>

**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976		\$ 5,797
<b>Receipts</b>		
1976 Appropriation — Merrimack County	\$ 58,500	
Other Income	<u>23,557</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>82,057</u>
Total Receipts and Balance		87,854
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Forestry Agent	22,265	
Agricultural Agent	18,263	
4H Youth Development Agent I	14,322	
Home Economist	14,270	
4H Youth Development Agent II	12,756	
Community Resource Development Agent	1,354	
Dairy Agent	3,169	
Area Agent — Poultry Management	<u>1,447</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>87,846</u>
<b>BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976 —</b>		
Checking Account — Concord National Bank		<u><u>\$ 8</u></u>

**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SUPERIOR COURT  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

CASH BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1976 \$ 18,615

**Receipts**

County Orders	\$ 52,554
Bail Posted	27,915
Bonds Posted	6,982
Civil Cases	6,307
Equity Cases	11,010
Printing	11,545
Fines	3,530
Fees	8,383
Printing Transcript Cases	1,233
State Credit	1,653
Postage Receipts	812
Other	<u>51</u>

Total Receipts 131,975

Total Receipts and Balance 150,590

**Disbursements**

Clerk and Clerical Hire	84,526
Cash Bail Returned	25,970
Cash Bonds Returned	7,123
Printing Expense	6,946
Postage Expense	<u>960</u>

Total Disbursements 125,525

CASH BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1976\* \$ 25,065

\*Balance comprised as follows:

Bail Held for Return	15,820
Bonds Held for Return	1,709

Printing Fees	6,249	
Trustee Deposits Held for Return	1,236	
Other	<u>51</u>	
Total Cash Balance, December 31, 1976		<u><u>\$ 25,065</u></u>

**COUNTY OF MERRIMACK, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT FUND BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1976**

**ASSETS**

**County Nursing Home**

**Basic Facility**

Building and Improvements	\$ 454,954	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>30,738</u>	
Net Depreciated Value		\$ 424,216

**1967 Addition**

Building	570,000	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>149,625</u>	
Net Depreciated Value		420,375

**Forty-Eight Bed Addition**

Building	350,000	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>15,312</u>	
Net Depreciated Value		334,688

**Equipment**

Departmental Equipment	119,267	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>13,067</u>	
Net Depreciated Value		106,200

**Construction in Progress**

Two Hundred Bed Addition	<u>3,763,225</u>	
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Total County Nursing Home	\$5,048,704
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1975 Addition to County Administration Building	<u>1,006,012</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$6,054,716</u></u>
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**FUND BALANCE**

Fund Balance	<u><u>\$6,054,716</u></u>
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**Note**

No other historical cost values are available at this time for other County properties. These values should be reconstructed and included in subsequent reports.



**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Accounts of the County are maintained on the modified accrual basis of accounting with revenue not received and expenditures not paid being accrued at year end, except accrued interest on outstanding indebtedness, which is paid together with matured indebtedness from appropriations of the following year. Inventories are not recorded as assets but are expensed in the year acquired. Maintenance, operating and office supplies are not inventoried. For budget report purposes capital expenditures for property, plant, equipment, renewals and betterments are expensed as incurred, as are expenditures for maintenance and repairs. For cost report purposes buildings and equipment for the county home are recorded at cost. Depreciation over their estimated useful lives is determined principally on the straight-line method, based on the following useful lives.

Major Buildings	40 Years
Smaller Buildings and Improvements	10-30 Years
Major Equipment	10-20 Years
Minor Equipment and Automobiles	3-10 Years

The budget figures shown have been adjusted for authorized transfers. Retirement funds for the benefit of employees are provided through the New Hampshire Retirement System.

**2. New Two Hundred Bed Addition to County Home**

On July 15, 1975, Merrimack County issued a \$5,500,000 Bond Issue at 6.00% interest, repayable at \$275,000 a year over a twenty year period commencing July 15, 1976. The proceeds of this Bond Issue were used to construct a two hundred bed addition to the County Home, which will open in the fall of 1977.

**3. Other**

Payments to the Superior Court Clerk's special retirement program have been made under protest until a declaratory judgment is received.

**4. Reimbursement from State of New Hampshire for Operation of Eagle Convalescent Home**

These financial statements are prepared on the premise that the County will be reimbursed in full by the State of New Hampshire Welfare Department for the loss on operations of the Eagle Convalescent Center.

Remaining Unreimbursed Loss, 1975	\$108,101
Remaining Unreimbursed Loss, 1976	<u>146,128</u>

Total Due from N.H. Welfare Department – Exhibit A    \$254,229

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**APPORTIONMENT OF COUNTY TAX  
AMONG THE CITIES AND TOWNS  
1976**

	Proportion of Tax	Amount of Tax
Allenstown	\$ 23.13	\$ 58,258.39
Andover	14.67	36,949.87
Boscawen	21.11	53,170.54
Bow	111.70	281,342.92
Bradford	15.02	37,831.43
Canterbury	13.52	34,053.32
Chichester	10.05	25,313.31
Concord	308.87	777,962.30
Danbury	8.08	20,351.39
Dunbarton	12.52	31,534.59
Epsom	18.85	47,478.19
Franklin	53.84	135,608.80
Henniker	25.61	64,504.85
Hill	7.92	19,948.40
Hooksett	62.66	157,824.06
Hopkinton	44.68	112,537.17
Loudon	17.56	44,229.02
Newbury	31.08	78,282.35
New London	64.12	161,501.42
Northfield	18.68	47,050.01
Pembroke	33.25	83,748.01
Pittsfield	15.80	39,796.04
Salisbury	9.81	24,708.81
Sutton	19.65	49,493.18
Warner	18.63	46,924.07
Webster	10.34	26,043.74
Wilmot	<u>8.85</u>	<u>22,290.82</u>
	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,518,737.00</u>

## REPORT OF CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

Merrimack County in account with Henry Dowst, Jr., Clerk  
(January Term, 1976 – January 1, 1976 through March 31, 1976)

**Charge County**


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Allowance – Clerk and clerical hire	\$19,728.25
Misc. cash paid out (fee refund)	<u>8.00</u>
	\$19,736.25

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**Credit County**

Entries	\$ 4,963.00
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Fees	1,963.67
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Preparation of Reserved Cases	25.00
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## Transcripts:

16,750	Bancroft v Canterbury	\$ 50.00	
15,547	Acme Staple v Kearsarge		
	Computer	605.00	
19,332	Goldman v Goldman	<u>74.00</u>	
			729.00

## Fines collected in State cases:

2905	State v Clarke	30.00	
2737A	State v McAllister	100.00	
2521A	State v McAllister	100.00	
1601A	State v Staten	250.00	
2159	State v Clough	150.00	
2740	State v Williamson	50.00	
76-3-113AA	State v McDonald	200.00	
1906	State v Sweatt	500.00	
2948-9	State v Daugherty	175.00	
2944	State v Titus	<u>50.00</u>	
			1,605.00

Misc. cash received	1.80
Refund on IBM typewriter	18.00
Forfeiture of bail (DuGrenier)	80.00
Clerk and clerical hire drawn	<u>10,350.78</u>
	\$19,736.25

April 14, 1976 Approved.

William F. Batchelder  
PRESIDING JUSTICE

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Merrimack County in account with Henry Dowst, Jr., Clerk  
(April Term, 1976 — April 1, 1976 through August 31, 1976)

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**Charge County**

Allowance — Clerk and clerical hire	\$36,346.05
Misc. cash paid out (fee refund)	<u>16.00</u>
	\$36,362.05

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**Credit County**

Entry fees	\$ 7,958.00
Fees	3,504.40
Preparation of Reserved Cases	150.00
Transcripts:	
22,218 Heinz v Concord Union School District	154.00
Fines collected in State cases:	
2740 State v Williamson	50.00

2330	State v Guerin	150.00
2944	State v Titus	25.00
2587A	State v Palmer	50.00
2894	State v Hebert	125.00
76-2-105A	State v McPherson	250.00
2272	State v Burden	25.00
76-4-206	State v Beaudoin	100.00
76-4-223A	State v Snow	<u>50.00</u>
		825.00
	Misc. cash received	14.24
	Reimbursement of Supreme Court entry fees	20.00
	Clerk and clerical hire drawn	<u>23,736.41</u>
		\$36,362.05

September 7, 1976 Approved.

William W. Keller  
PRESIDING JUSTICE

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Merrimack County in account with Henry Dowst, Jr., Clerk  
(September Term, 1976 – September 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976)

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**Charge County**

Allowance – Clerk and clerical hire	\$29,372.89
Misc. cash paid out (entry fee)	<u>10.00</u>
	\$29,382.89

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**Credit County**

Entry fees	\$ 6,049.00
Fees	3,314.48



Preparation of Reserved Cases 175.00

Fines collected in State cases:

820	State v Dufresne	700.00
2597	State v Losacano	50.00
2901	State v Wilcott	150.00
2927	State v Purtell	100.00
764-216	State v Reynolds	<u>100.00</u>

1,100.00

Bondsmen fees 200.00

Misc. cash received 37.10

Xerox copies 40.50

Clerk and clerical hire drawn 18,466.81

\$29,382.89

January 13, 1977 Approved.

William R. Johnson  
PRESIDING JUSTICE



*Merrimack County Superior Court*

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The following is a summary of the cases handled by the office of the County Attorney during the period January 1, 1976 through December 31, 1976.

**FELONIES**

Awaiting trial or under investigation January 1, 1976	420	
Received during the year 1976	<u>237</u>	<u>657</u>
Disposed of during 1976:		
Guilty pleas	124	
Pled to a lesser charge	24	
Not indicted	11	
Nol prossed	126	
Handled by Attorney General	6	
Trials, Superior Court	10	
Not guilty, reason of insanity	2	
Dismissed	2	
Miscellaneous	<u>6</u>	
	311	
Awaiting trial or under investigation Dec. 31, 1976	<u>346</u>	<u>657</u>
Reciprocal Support actions	125	

**MISDEMEANORS**

Awaiting trial or under investigation January 1, 1976	525	
Received during the year 1976	<u>353</u>	<u>878</u>
Disposed of during 1976:		
Guilty pleas	31	
Appeals withdrawn, not perfected or remanded	85	
Nol prossed	43	
Trials, Superior Court & jury waived	5	
Pled to a lesser charge	5	
Miscellaneous	<u>21</u>	
	190	
Awaiting trial or under investigation Dec. 31, 1976	<u>688</u>	<u>878</u>

Respectfully submitted

Richard A. Hampe  
MERRIMACK COUNTY ATTORNEY

**REPORT OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY SHERIFF**

To the Board of Commissioners of Merrimack County:

Having completed three terms as Sheriff of Merrimack County, I am pleased at the progress which the department has made and the improved services that the department now offers the citizens of our county.

One of the areas that has shown the greatest success is the Merrimack County Dispatch Center, which today handles nearly one-half of the towns in the Merrimack County, two federal agencies and an ambulance service. In 1976, the Dispatch Center answered 36,941 telephone calls and dispatched more than 93,000 transmissions. The Dispatchers, both full and part-time, have been commended on numerous occasions for outstanding service.

Another area which has increased its demand for services is the complex area of civil processes and court responsibility; especially the court system, which has more than doubled in terms of cases handled. Over 60 percent of all deputies' time was in court attendance and civil services. In addition, the Department pursuant to Court order, provided 88 days of protective custody for a State's witness in a murder trial. Court services continue to expand to better serve you, the citizen.

Last, but not least, are the responsibilities placed on the entire Sheriff's Department in the handling of criminal matters from daily transfers of prisoners to the solution of major crimes. Programs in investigations have been extremely successful in providing aid to many communities throughout the county.

I have been pleased with the work and dedication of my deputies, and we will continue to work hard to improve and update our law enforcement services.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Daniels, Jr.

MERRIMACK COUNTY SHERIFF

**CAPIAS/WARRANT ARRESTS****1976**

	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Juvenile</b>	
Capias (Indictment)	84	0	
Capias (Contempt)	127	0	
Warrant (Bench and other Dept.)	<u>94</u>	<u>0</u>	
Subtotal	305	0	
Total			305

**INVESTIGATIVE ARRESTS/ASSISTED ARRESTS****1976**

	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Juvenile</b>	
Criminal Arrests	15	7	
Motor Vehicle Arrests	5	0	
Criminal Assisted Arrests	28	5	
Motor Vehicle Assisted Arrests	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
Subtotal	48	12	
Total			60

**PRISONER TRANSFERS****1976**

Total Number	766
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**CIVIL SERVICES****1976**

Writs, Attachments, Libels, Orders, Subpoenas, etc. served	5,161
Fees for above services which are returned to county as income	
Received	\$54,567.12
Outstanding	<u>2,973.09</u>
Total Income for County	\$57,540.21

### INVESTIGATIONS 1976

Part I Offenses	Opened	Unfounded	Cleared	Percent Clearance	National* Average
Homicide	0	0	0	—	78%
Rapes	0	0	0	—	79%
Robbery	1	0	1	100%	27%
Aggravated Assault	2	0	1	50%	64%
Burglary	19	1	9	50%	18%
Theft	5	0	1	20%	20%
Auto Theft	0	0	0	—	14%
Sub Total	27	1	12	46.1%	—

#### Part II Offenses

All	34	6	23	82.1%	—
Total Part I & II	61	7	35	64.8%	—

Traffic — 5      Fugitive — 17

**TOTAL Investigations — 119**

### INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTS 1976

Part I Offenses	Number or Cases
Homicide	2
Rape	0
Robbery	3
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary	10
Theft	8
Auto Theft	<u>2</u>
Sub Total	26



**Part II Offenses**

All	<u>10</u>
<b>TOTAL</b> Investigative Assists	36

**DEFINITIONS**

*Investigations – Investigations which are either carried out solely by the Sheriff's Department or where the Sheriff's Department has assumed primary jurisdiction and was assisted by other Departments.*

*Investigative Assists – Investigations where the Sheriff's Department assisted other Departments and the assisted Department assumed primary jurisdiction.*

*\* Based on 1975 FBI Uniform Crime Statistics released 8-25-76.*

**MERRIMACK COUNTY NURSING HOME****REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR**

To The Merrimack County Commissioners:

It is my pleasure to present to you the report of the County Nursing Home for the year 1976. At no other time in its history, has the nursing home seen such change as has taken place during the last twelve months.

As we entered 1976, the Kitchen was already in a state of confusion due to the construction of the 200-bed addition. This confusion continued throughout the entire year as problem after problem arose and the Kitchen work faced delay after delay. Special thanks must be given to the following for their continuing efforts to serve outstanding meals throughout — Miss H. Arlene Kerstetter, Dietitian; Mrs. Gladys Tibbetts, Food Service Supervisor; and each and every Dietary Department employee.

The other departments of the nursing home also had their share of construction inconveniences as the project moved from phase to phase. Space does not permit me to thank each employee personally, but two departments stand out; namely the Maintenance Department, under the direction of Harold Patterson, and the Housekeeping Department, under the direction of Lola Jones. The moving of partitions, the removal of walls, and the changing of ceilings, etc. tested their departments time and time again.

I would like to thank Mrs. Arlene Cote and her Nursing Service for handling the changes that came with moving the patients along with the continuing amount of care that each patient requires.

The usual functions of the nursing home were carried on with dispatch and we continue to enjoy the excellent reputation as “one of the finest nursing homes in New Hampshire”.

I must give special thanks to three people, without whom the work of the County Nursing Home could not continue —

Dr. J. Kenneth McLeod who continues to serve us with outstanding medical knowledge and Mrs. Mary E. Jelley and Mrs. Marjorie H. Burris,

my two Assistants, who continue to oversee their departmental responsibilities with outstanding success.

During 1976, the County closed the Eagle operation in Concord, and those patients were moved to other nursing homes with as little trauma as possible.

We also managed to complete the Wastewater Treatment Plant, with its dedication scheduled for early 1977.

In closing, let me say that it has been a pleasure to work for the patients of the nursing home for another full year. We all look forward to our new building, which is currently scheduled to open in September 1977.

Robert F. Lethbridge  
ADMINISTRATOR

**MERRIMACK COUNTY NURSING HOME  
NUMBER OF PATIENTS**

January 1, 1976 — December 31, 1976

No. of Patients January 1, 1976	227
No. of Patients Admitted in 1976	82
No. of Patients Discharged in 1976	84
No. of Patients December 31, 1976	225



*Commissioner Albert Ayotte delivering welcome at the dedication of the Bicentennial Courtyard at the Merrimack County Nursing Home. Seated (l-r) Rev. Paul Lyons; John Noble, Chairman Merrimack County Delegation; Rev. Fr. Andre Bedard; Commissioner Edna McKenna; Judith Coleman, Chairman County Bicentennial Committee; Commissioner Albert Ayotte; Mr. Paul Fenton; Richard Hanson, County Treasurer, Commissioner Peter Spaulding and Roger Smith, NH Senator.*

## REPORT OF MERRIMACK COUNTY HOME AUXILIARY

The Merrimack County Home Auxiliary meets every Wednesday morning at the County Home. The group has forty or more members with an average attendance of sixteen. We visit with the patients and plan monthly birthday parties for the residents. Each patient who is having a birthday that month is given a cupcake with a candle and everyone present is served cookies. These parties are sponsored by various groups from surrounding towns who also furnish entertaining programs and refreshments.

Members of the Auxiliary make tray favors which are distributed on various holidays during the year to all residents, 225 or more, in addition to other projects, including table decorations in the cafeteria which are made and changed each month and decorating the mantle in the reception room.

During the summer months, Evelyn Cook picked an average of 70 bouquets a week from her own garden, and we distributed them to all patients in the hospital section of the home each week.

In October, we sponsored a bus trip to take those patients who are able to go on a foliage trip through the White Mountains. The patients enjoy this trip and look forward to it each fall.

We organized a "Christmas store" the first of December. Many articles were donated by local merchants and organizations in the area and others were made and donated by the Auxiliary. The residents were brought down to the tables which were set up in the Recreation Room to make their purchases. Carts with gift items were taken to the patients who were unable to leave their rooms. All purchases were gift wrapped if the patients so desired.

During the Christmas season over 3,000 cookies were made by the Auxiliary and very attractively packaged and distributed to all residents.

As usual, we had a booth at the Hopkinton Fair to sell items which were made by patients, as well as the Auxiliary. One Auxiliary member made an afghan which was raffled off to raise money for the home.

Once a year we have a combined yard and food sale which is very successful. In various projects throughout the year, 2,890 hours have been accounted for in our work at and for the home.



With funds raised, the Auxiliary has purchased many things for the patients, the most recent being hymnals for the Chapel in memory of Helen Clark. Books, magazines, yarn, and other materials required for crafts were brought in during the year.

The Auxiliary must grow and adapt to keep up with the rapid increase in patients and changes in the Home. To this end, we wish to thank Mr. Lethbridge and his staff for their help, cooperation, and support.

Dorothy Stevens,  
PRESIDENT

**REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY HOME**

The following ministers conducted services during the year:

Allen Munroe — St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Concord  
Ronald Foreman — Salvation Army, Concord  
Walter Holder — First Baptist Church, Concord  
William Brown — Congregational Church, Boscawen  
Everett Moore — Advent Christian Church, Concord  
Frank Clay — Central Baptist Church, Franklin  
Joseph Holland — Voice of Faith Chapel, Northfield  
Allen Goodwin — First Methodist Church, Penacook  
Franklin Parker — Congregational Church, Chichester  
Jim Jensen — Advent Christian Church, Loudon Ridge  
Oliver Northcott — United Church of Christ, Penacook  
Russel McConnell — Church of Christ, Concord Manor  
John I. Johnson — Chaplain, N. H. State Prison  
Bill Daniels — Immanuel Community Church, Concord Heights  
Wesley McDonald — Assembly of God, Concord  
James McLeod — Hill Village Union Church  
Edgar Finertie — Congregational Church, East Concord  
Richard Haynes — Franklin Baptist Church  
Mrs. Fred Marshall — Salvation Army, Concord

Chaplain Lyons, after being hospitalized by an accident, returned in March to continue ministering personally to the Home residents. Oliver Northcott, William Brown, Allen Munroe, Franklin Parker, and Walter Holder ministered the Lord's Supper during Mr. Lyons's convalescence. Mr. Dube continued at the organ as he has so faithfully for many years. The attendants helped bring many in wheel chairs to the services. The Chaplain, as requested, gave the invocation at the Merrimack County Bicentennial ceremonies on June 4. On August 24, he officiated at a memorial service for Virginia Hutchinson, who had served faithfully for many years as a nurse's aide, therapist, and recreational director. Her sudden death saddened her many friends, both residents and workers, who regarded her as a sympathetic friend, kind and helpful, firm but considerate in handling the many and complex problems of the aged. Robert Lethbridge, the administrator, gave the eulogy. At Christmas time the Concord Business and Professional Women's Club gave their 37th annual party for the residents with food and entertainment preceded by the Chaplain's invocation, the Lord's Prayer in unison, and the recital of the

Christmas story from St. Luke while members of the Kiwanis, Salvation Army, and a cubscout pack from Concord hummed "Silent Night" in the background.

Paul Lyons  
CHAPLAIN

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**CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN'S REPORT  
MERRIMACK COUNTY NURSING HOME**

To The Merrimack County Commissioners:

Since my arrival at St. Paul's Parish in Franklin as its new pastor on September 8, 1976, I have continued services initiated by my predecessor, Fr. Bedard. Fr. Poirier and myself visited the Catholic patients on a monthly basis and offered celebration of Mass and distributed communion to all of them. We also offered periodical administration of the Anointing of the sick to them.

In November, 1976 Sr. Therese Belanger joined us and began visits to the patients on a weekly basis, also bringing communion (in addition to our visits). She also offered them special Penitential services in the chapel. On request we have also said special Masses to celebrate anniversaries and birthdays.

In conclusion, I express my deepest appreciation to the staff for its openness and receptivity whenever we go. They go out of their way to make us welcome and meet the spiritual needs of the patients.

God bless you for your dedication and fine work.

Rev. Marcel M. Allard  
PASTOR

**REPORT OF PHYSICIAN  
MERRIMACK COUNTY NURSING HOME**

The Merrimack County Nursing Home has continued operations in the middle of construction of a 204-bed addition.

The residents appear to take all the noise and confusion well and the staff is doing a marvelous job under very trying circumstances in most areas.

The Eagle Convalescent Center closed in January of 1976 with the transfer of the final 14 patients. We were very fortunate to be able to obtain several valuable members of the staff.

Much of the coming year will be occupied in planning for the anticipated move in the late fall to the new building.

My thanks to the medical staff, the Administrator, the department heads, and the entire staff for their dedicated service.

J. Kenneth McLeod, M. D.  
CHIEF OF STAFF

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**REPORT OF THE MERRIMACK COUNTY FARM MANAGER**

We had an excellent growing season this year. With warm days and nights and adequate moisture, our vegetable gardens did extremely well. We also had a large fodder corn and hay crop.

We cut 38 acres of hay at the State Hospital Farm in Concord, which yielded over 4000 bales. This resulted in a surplus rather than the shortage we had anticipated.

This year we got a new ten-foot double disc harrow which replaced an old seven-foot harrow that had been on the farm for over twenty years and was completely worn out. This new piece of equipment did an excellent job and saved us a lot of time. We also got a new hay rake that helped speed up our haying operations.

Our dairy herd has shown another production increase this year. We are culling the less productive cows and replacing them with heifers which we have raised from our best cows. We should continue to make gains along this line and continue to have a dairy herd that the people of Merrimack County can be proud of.

Walter R. Lampron  
FARM MANAGER

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**MERRIMACK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS****REPORT OF THE CORRECTIONS SUPERINTENDENT**

To The Merrimack County Board of Commissioners:

In 1976, this institution processed 514 inmates from various courts and law enforcement agencies throughout Merrimack County. The breakdown of this figure is as follows: The Jail received 401 unsentenced males and females who were awaiting further court action. The House of Corrections received 113 court-committed men and women with sentences ranging from one day to one year.

This past year we encountered two major problems at this institution — the female offender and a large increase in mentally disturbed offenders. The physical plan of the institution is not equipped to hold such offenders.

I will comment on the female offender first. There were 22 females confined at various times during the past year with total confinement days of 334. The cost to confine one female is approximately \$100 per day because we must have around-the-clock matron service even if there is only one female at the institution. The area in which we house female offenders is primarily used for disturbed males. When this area is used for females, the males have to be put in with the regular jail population which causes enormous stress in the facility. We do have a contract with a neighboring County to take female offenders. However, they refuse to take anyone with a background of psychiatric problems or care at the N.H. Hospital. Since most of the females sent to us by the Concord District Court are or have been patients at the Hospital, we are forced to confine them here in Merrimack County at a greater cost to the taxpayers. I still feel that neither the County nor the State have adequate facilities for female offenders, which should be a top priority in the field of Corrections.

The second major problem at this institution in 1976 was the increase in the number of mentally disturbed criminals confined here. At the time of this writing, we are housing 21 Jail inmates, and of this number, there are 9 who have a history of mental problems or confinement at N.H. Hospital. We certainly have no way of coping with the problems involved in caring for the mentally ill. These patients are released from the Hospital

into the community of Concord even though they are originally from other parts of the State, and Merrimack County must be responsible for their care while they are being held.

Through the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency, I was able to further the training of my staff by sending five more Correctional Officers to the 12-week course on "Correctional Guard Training" at N.H. Technical Institute in Concord.

At this time I wish to thank the Board of Commissioners and Rodney Tenney, County Coordinator, for the assistance given to me this past year. My thanks also to Dr. McLeod and the Medical Staff of the Nursing Home; and to all Department Heads in County Government for their assistance. Once again, my sincerest thanks and appreciation to the most dedicated people in Corrections, my Staff.

Edmund A. Cox, Jr.  
CORRECTIONS SUPERINTENDENT



*Honor Guard – Department of Corrections*

**MERRIMACK COUNTY  
HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL**

**CRIMES COMMITTED IN 1976**

Type of Crime	Number
Accomplice to Burglary	1
Armed Robbery	3
Arson	2
Assault	38
Attempted Murder	2
A.W.O.L.	3
Bench Warrant	4
Burglary	33
Conspiracy	6
Contempt of Court	29
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	3
Criminal Mischief	11
Criminal Restraint	1
Criminal Threatening	5
Criminal Trespassing	20
Dangerous Sex Offender	2
Depositing Refuse on Private Land	1
Disobeying a Police Officer	2
Drunk	2
Disorderly Conduct	29
D.W.I.	68
Drug Offenses	38
Escape Offenses	7
False Reports	4
Forgery	1
Fraudulent Acts	1
Fugitive from Justice	10
Hold for U.S. Marshall	4
Hindering Apprehension	2
Harrassment	2
Inebriate, Petition of	1
Intoxication	13
Issuing Bad Checks	6
Kidnapping	7
Leaving Scene of Accident	4
Larceny, Attempted	2

Type of Crime	Number
Malicious Damage	1
Manslaughter	1
Misapplication of Property	1
Motor Vehicle Violations	39
Non-Support	22
Murder, 1st Degree	2
Possession of Dangerous Weapon	1
Possession of Firearm by Felon	7
Possession of Hypodermic Needle	2
Possession of Stolen Property	3
Prohibited Acts	1
Protective Custody	3
Rape	2
Receiving Stolen Property	10
Reckless Conduct	2
Reckless Operation	5
Resisting Arrest	9
Rioting	1
Robbery	10
Sexual Assault	16
Tampering with a Witness	3
Tampering with Public Records and Information	1
Taking without Owners Consent	2
Theft	47
Transients	2
Unauthorized Use of Propelled Vehicles	3
Unlawful Camping	1
Unlicensed Dog	1
Unpaid Fines	9
Violation of Court Order	3
Violation of Probation	5

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**INMATES COMMITTED FROM VARIOUS COURTS  
IN 1976**

Court	Number
Concord District	125
F.B.I.	2
Franklin District	71

Court	Number
Henniker District	4
Hillsborough County	1
Hooksett District	18
Keene District	1
Loudon District	2
Merrimack Superior	116
New London District	11
Pittsfield Municipal	12
Rockingham County	1
State Prison	5
Sullivan County Superior	1
U.S. Marshall	4
Various Law Enforcement Agencies	140

#### INMATES PROCESSED IN 1976

House of Correction	113
Jail	<u>401</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>514</b>
Inmates on January 1, 1976	29
Inmates Admitted in 1976	485
Inmates Discharged in 1976	488
Inmates on December 31, 1976	26



*Left, Raising of flag at House of Corrections during Bicentennial celebration*



## REPORTS OF COUNTY AFFILIATED AGENCIES

### MERRIMACK COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Since 1911, the Cooperative Extension Service has been an integral part of the University of New Hampshire, with Extension Offices located in each of the ten counties. The Merrimack County Extension office is a contact point with UNH and especially with the College of Life Science and Agriculture, of which Extension is a part.

Through the Merrimack County office, informal educational programs are offered to county residents of all ages in ten areas of program emphasis: environmental quality; quality of personal and family living; helping communities develop their full potential; problems and potentials of our senior citizens; management and use of natural resources; wise spending of the consumer dollar; production, processing, marketing and distribution of agricultural products; youth development through 4-H; recreation and tourism; and nutrition education for persons with limited incomes.

The Merrimack County office is staffed by six county agents: a Home Economist, Agricultural Agent, County Forester, Assistant County Forester, and two 4-H Youth Development Agents. In addition, there are three area agents, a Dairy Agent, a Poultry Agent, and a Community Resource Development Agent.

Merrimack County Extension is guided by local people in establishing program priorities. Advisory councils made up of county residents work in each major area of emphasis in order to assure that programs will meet the needs of county residents.

Extension reaches the public through educational workshops and courses, a weekly radio show, newspaper articles, 4-H youth clubs, Home Economics Extension groups, visits to farmers and woodland owners, newsletters to interested persons, and office visits, to name only a few.

Merrimack County Extension programs are available to all persons regardless of race, creed, color, sex, ethnic background or economic status. Anyone with a question or desire to learn more in any area of program

emphasis is encouraged to contact the Merrimack County Extension Service in the County Administration Building.

Kathleen D. Cook  
COORDINATOR

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### **MERRIMACK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING**

On October 1, 1976, Merrimack County assumed responsibility for all CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973) Employment and Training programs. Previously, Employment and Training programs were operated under a non-profit corporation established by Merrimack and Belknap Counties. The Department of Employment and Training has become integrated into the county departmental system. Therefore, all programs are directed by the Board of Commissioners under the jurisdiction of the County.

During the last quarter of 1976, the Merrimack County Department of Employment and Training began their operations for the new federal fiscal year. Listed below is an outline of the department budget and the estimates for individuals to be served by the department. The second chart reflects the expenditures for the first fiscal year quarter of 1977. The Merrimack County Department of Employment and Training has four component activities in its training: Classroom Training, On-the-Job Training, Work Experience and Public Service Employment. In addition to an annual budget for Title I training monies, there are other Titles which provide additional monies for specific programs. Title II is designed for the Public Service Program in areas of high unemployment. Title III serves special programs such as a Summer Program for Youth, Offender Projects or other programs aimed at a specific segment of the population. Title V is for Job Corps funds which is not applicable to our area. Title VI provides for Public Service dollars during periods of high unemployment. It differs from Title II Public Service programs in that Title VI is allocated to every area on a proportional basis of unemployment, while Title II is restricted to specific areas who are eligible for funds. As of this report, Merrimack County Department of Employment and Training operates Title I, II and VI programs; however, Title II expires January 31, 1977.

**Budget Outline: October 1, 1976 to September 30, 1977**

<b>Program Activity</b>	<b>Dollars Allocated</b>	<b>People to be Served</b>
<b>Title I:</b>		
Classroom Training	\$ 49,134.	46
On-the-Job Training	118,960.	118
Public Service	50,000.	12
Work Experience	<u>178,441.</u>	<u>190</u>
Total Title I	\$396,535.	366
*Title II PSE	136,614.	**63
***Title VI PSE	<u>273,830.</u>	<u>72</u>
Grand Total	\$806,969.	501

**October 1 — December 31, 1976 Report of Expenditures:**

<b>Program Activity</b>	<b>Dollars Expended</b>	<b>People Served</b>
Classroom Training	\$ 12,114.	26
On-the-Job Training	10,547.	17
Public Service	-0-	0
Work Experience	<u>50,354.</u>	<u>69</u>
Total Title I	73,015.	112
Title II PSE	113,194.	62
Title VI PSE	<u>-0-</u>	<u>0</u>
Grand Totals	\$186,209.	174

\*Discontinued January 31, 1977 due to low unemployment rate — no new funds available — all dollars expended.

\*\*Most of these individuals on this program were transferred to Title VI to complete their training period.

\*\*\*Begun on January 1, 1977 under new appropriation.

Daniel J. Seibert  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**CONCORD REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION  
THE HOMEMAKER PROGRAM**

The Homemaker Program of the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association finished its second program year in 1976. The program still employs the same number of people that we began with in March of 1975: three full time Homemakers for the Greater Concord Area, two part-time Homemakers for the New London area and two more part-time Homemakers for the Franklin area. We also have a Secretary/Bookkeeper for 20 hours per week, two part-time Supervisors, and a Program Manager. We hoped to add one more Homemaker for the Franklin area where we received many requests for the service that we were unable to comply with; but due to limited available funds, we unfortunately had to give up on the idea.

Presently the program carries 69 individuals and families of all ages, from all walks of life. Without the Homemaker service, most of the people now receiving the service would have to be placed in some kind of institutional setting due to their physical or mental condition. Ninety-two per cent of the individuals and families served by the program are over 65 years of age. The services given by the Homemakers consist mainly of shopping, doing the laundry, preparing meals, light housecleaning, running errands, and giving personal care. In addition to these functions, and maybe even more importantly, the patients depend on the Homemakers for some companionship and see them as an important link to life outside.

The Homemaker program receives its funding from three sources: local support from Merrimack County, which is then matched with Federal Title XX monies on a one to three basis, and private fees for service from clients. Fortunately, after a financially rough first year, our funding situation has stabilized.

In closing we would like to thank the Merrimack County Delegation for the support and understanding they have given to the program, and we are looking forward to a continuously cooperative working relationship with them.

Lutie K. Piper  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**CENTRAL N.H. COMMUNITY  
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.**

Central New Hampshire Community Mental Health Services, Inc. is a private, non-profit comprehensive mental health center.

It provides Inpatient, Partial Hospitalization, Outpatient, Emergency and Consultation and Education Services. It also operates the Concord Development Center which is a program for developmentally delayed infants and children.

In addition to its main office in downtown Concord, it provides services in three Branch Offices — Franklin, Henniker and New London. Services are also available to inpatients at the Concord Hospital, Franklin Hospital and the New London Hospital.

Discounted fees are available to clients and are based on the patient's ability to pay.

1976 marked the opening of the New London Branch Office, a service which had been planned for several years. It is located in the New London Hospital. During 1976, the mental health staff also began to admit clients to the Concord Hospital for the treatment of emotional problems. The daily average census at the Concord Hospital is 7.5 clients. 2,513 different clients were served during 1976 accounting for 23,103 client visits. Problems treated included depression, anxiety, confusion and inter-personal problems and learning disabilities.

Contractual arrangements for services continued with the Concord, Franklin and Kearsarge Visiting Nurse Association. These home based services have been extremely valuable to clients who would not otherwise be able to take advantage of the various services available in the offices.

**Terje Reinertsen**

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**MERRIMACK COUNTY  
RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

During 1976 the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) gave 40,395 hours of service in over fifty non-profit social service agencies and schools in Merrimack County. There are over 300 RSVP volunteers from 18 of the cities and towns.

Transportation, accident and liability insurance, and meals are available to persons over sixty who want to give of their time through RSVP.

Each year a recognition luncheon is held in honor of the volunteers. Pins and certificates for service are given to RSVP volunteers in appreciation for their generous service to their communities.

There are many kinds of volunteer needs in Merrimack County which are being met through RSVP. The dedicated commitment of our older persons is a valuable resource which should continue to grow in the future.

Kathy Raymond  
DIRECTOR

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**COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM  
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.  
1976**

Belknap-Merrimack Community Action provided a wide variety of services to residents of every town and city in Merrimack County during 1976. Service was provided through a network of outreach offices located in Concord, Franklin, Suncook and Warner. In addition, outreach office hours were held in nearly every town as demand warranted.

In total, there were over 14,000 program participants in Community Action Programs including: Head Start, Day Care, Summer Recreation, Rent-a-Kid, Carpentry training, Elderly Nutrition Program, Shopping Assistance, Family Planning, Information and Referral, Housing Assistance,

Fuel Loans, Winterization, Food Stamp Assistance, Emergency Home Loan Assistance, Food Buying Clubs, Operation Green Thumb and Transportation. Eleven federal and state agencies, twenty-nine towns, three cities, private donations and Merrimack County support the operating budget of Community Action.

Merrimack County provided matching funds for Meals-on-Wheels and Transportation and is the sub-grantee for the Construction and Carpentry Skills Training Program from the New Hampshire Commission on Crime and Delinquency. A summary of these three programs follows:

### **Meals-on-Wheels**

17,626 meals were served to elderly incapacitated and convalescing residents of Merrimack County in order to provide an adequate level of nutrition. Meals-on-Wheels were provided to Merrimack County towns from Concord, Franklin, Suncook and Warner. A congregate meal program served 23,236 meals during 1976. A total of 813 different senior citizens participated in these two programs.

### **Transportation**

Transportation services to Merrimack County senior citizens expanded during 1976. The Merrimack County Rural Transportation System provided over 3,600 round-trips to residents of eighteen Merrimack County towns. The town of Andover and the Merrimack County Home were successful additions to the route. In Franklin, demand from senior citizens led to the successful establishment of a shopping assistance route which provided over 2,200 round-trips. Over 200 different senior citizens utilized Community Action transportation services.

Senior citizens use the transportation routes for medical appointments, food shopping, banking, meal programs and a myriad of other activities which help senior citizens maintain an independent living situation. Senior citizens are also provided with emergency transportation by the outreach centers.

### **Construction and Carpentry Skills Training**

Emphasis in this program has been placed on training in retrofitting technology to take advantage of the desire to reduce energy consumption. Trainees learn insulation blowing and installation, door, window, wall and roof repair and other techniques for achieving energy savings in dwellings. The program is funded jointly by the New Hampshire Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the New Hampshire Division of Voca-

tional Rehabilitation to provide specialized construction and carpentry training to work release prisoners, parolees, probationers and other high-risk underskilled persons.

The support of Merrimack County is vital for the continuation of these programs which are aimed at reducing institutionalization, maintaining self-sufficiency, promoting rehabilitation and reducing unemployment. Not only do the persons served receive direct benefits, Merrimack County benefits from reduced admission to nursing homes and increased integration of prisoners into useful society.

Belknap-Merrimack Community Action is grateful for the support of Merrimack County, direct in the case of Meals-on-Wheels, Rural Transportation and Construction and Carpentry Training Skills, and indirect in other programs serving the people of Merrimack County.

Richard E. Kelley  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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### MERRIMACK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

In 1976 the Merrimack County Conservation District continued its program of services to many individuals and groups throughout the County. This past year marked the 30th year of operation for the district. In this period of time, the directions of our program have changed with the times. However, we continue our commitment to an "action" program assisting individuals and governmental units with developing and establishing conservation plans and treatment measures.

Through the district's promotional efforts and the USDA Soil Conservation Service's technical help, we provided over 800 technical services for people in the County this past year. Thirty farm owners were given assistance with the development of conservation plans for their land. Among the more notable accomplishments this past year were the installation of 15 multipurpose ponds, 2 miles of agricultural drainage and 1 mile of diversion terraces.

Promotional efforts of the district included issuance of a quarterly newsletter, informational meetings, and a fish stocking program for pond owners in the County.

Consultation and technical advice were provided to a number of County towns, planning boards, etc. on land use and soil suitability for a variety of uses.

We wish to express our appreciation for the financial support given us by the County, and we look forward with enthusiasm to the continuation of this service program which we feel has added to the quality of life here in Merrimack County.

Robert Hibbard, Chairman  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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